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Title: METHOD FOR EFFICIENT COMPUTATION OF IMAGE FRAMES FOR
               DUAL MODULATION DISPLAY SYSTEMS USING KEY FRAMES

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election of species requirement set out in the Office Action mailed
14 January 2009, the Applicant hereby provisionally elects species 3 (Figure 4) with traverse.
At least claims 1, 2, 4-6, 13-19 and 26-32 are submitted to encompass species 3.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement because the species are not
mutually exclusive, as alleged in the Office Action. The Applicant requests reconsideration and
withdrawal of the election requirement.

The features of the methods illustrated by Figures 3 and 4 may optionally be combined (see,
for example, paragraph [0034]). Furthermore, the method illustrated by Figure 5 provides for
updating a key frame by selecting standard key frame parameters (see block 324). Selecting
standard key frame parameters is one way to establish new key frame parameters. The
methods illustrated by Figures 3 and 4 include establishing new key frame parameters. This
could be done in some instances by selecting appropriate standard key frame parameters.

Further, contrary to the allegation in the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 13-19 and 26-32 are all submitted to be generic to species 2, 3, and 4 as identified in the Office Action. In particular, these claims do not rule out the possibility of updating key frame parameters after processing some number of frames as shown, for example, in Figure 3 or updating key frames by selecting standard key frame parameters as shown, for example, in Figure 5.

The Applicant further submits that the species illustrated in Figures 3, 4 and 5 (species 2, 3 and 4) are sufficiently related that there would not be a serious burden on the Examiner if election were not required.

The Applicant submits that it would be proper for all pending claims to be examined together.

      Respectfully submitted,

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